GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:743
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VIOLATION OF LABOUR LAW BY PESTICIDES COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pesticide manufacturing companies are violating safeguards the existing labour laws of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the companies against whom actions have been taken during the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the measures adopted by these companies to ensure the proper implementation of the existing labour laws and safeguards; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): Yes Sir, some of the pesticide manufacturing companies have been found to be violating the safeguards prescribed under the Factories Act, 1948.

(b): The details as received from the state governments which are monitoring the implementation of the safety provisions under the Act is given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c): The Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour institutes Mumbai under this Ministry has conducted a national Survey on process safety, health and work environment in pesticide industries. The report of the survey was sent to the Pesticide Manufacturers Association and the Chief Inspector of Factories of the respective States for their implementation.

(d): The Inspectors of Factories of the respective State Governments monitor the implementation of safety provisions through their periodical inspection of the units. The Factories found violating the provisions are prosecuted and discrepancies, if any, observed are communicated to the units for rectification. Training Programmes are also organized to increase safety awareness amongst engineers, supervisors and workers working on shop floors in this sector.

ANNEXURE

Statement reffered to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 743 dated 6.12.2004 giving state-wise details of Pesticide Units violating Safeguards

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Names of the companies against whom action has been taken during the last three years
1.	Goa	M/s Syngenta India Ltd.
2.	Gujarat	i) Raliz India ltd, GIDC, Ankleshwar ii) United Phosphorous Ltd., GIDC Ankleshwar. iii) United Phosphorous Ltd., Vapi iv) Deva Chemicals Indl. Ltd., Kazipur v) Fecom Organics Ltd., GIDC, Ankleshwar vi) United Phosphorous Ltd. Unit Ankleshwar.
3.	Kerala	M/s Hindustan Insecticides Ltd

4.	Maharashtra	i) Maharashtra Insecticides Ltd., Akola ii) Sanjay Insecticides Pvt. Ltd., Jalana. iii) Jaikishan Agrochemical Pvt. Ltd., Beed. iv) Rallies India Ltd. Thane-Belapur v) Gharda Chemicals Pharma Mahad. vi) Gharda Chemicals, Lote. Ratnagiri
5.	Uttar Pradesh	M/s NFC Chemicals Ltd., Secunderabad Bulandshahar.